

HOUSE RESOLUTION 191

By Bowers

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Reverend Henry Razor
for laudable service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those persons who through their personal and professional efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Reverend Henry Razor, who has dedicated his life's work to upholding integrity and justice in the political realm and spread the Word of God through his ministry; and

WHEREAS, born in Chicago, Illinois on April 13, 1946, he lived and attended school there until his high school years when he moved to Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Razor attended Carver High School and further pursued his academic goals by attending the University of Southern Illinois on an athletic scholarship; he persevered to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science while meeting the demanding schedule of a student athlete; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Razor subsequently, dedicated three years of meritorious service to the United States Army; he graduated from the European School for Language as well as the USARAR School of Leadership before receiving an honorable discharge; and

WHEREAS, after his military service, he returned to Memphis and began his estimable career in politics; he has been very actively involved in politics on the local, state, and federal levels and he has used his astute skills to assist in numerous Democratic campaigns; and

WHEREAS, since 1970, he has served with rare acumen and alacrity as the Coordinator of the Shelby County Democratic Reelection Campaign, and he has been instrumental in the campaigns for all of the standing members of the Shelby County Delegation; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Razor's vast knowledge and experience have been utilized by countless public servants; he served in campaigns of Governors Winfield Dunn, Ray Blanton, and Ned McWherter, and was nicknamed "The Clean-up Man" by Jake Butcher; and

WHEREAS, he also dedicated seven years of laudable service to the Shelby County Delegation as an Administrative Assistant to the General Assembly, and served as a Sergeant of Arms for the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Razor has received numerous awards and accolades for his exemplary efforts; he has been honored and recognized by the House of Representatives on several occasions for his outstanding achievements; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, Reverend Henry Razor answered the call to the ministry; he began serving the mission of the Lord and has since shared his faith with countless individuals; and

WHEREAS, he was a devoted pastor at both Mount Bethlehem Church in Hughes, Arkansas (1988-89) and Second Baptist Church in Helena, Arkansas (1991-98); he presently serves as Associate Pastor of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Razor still finds time to lend his remarkable talents to such notable causes as the Democrat Leadership Council, the Kennedy Democrat Organization, the NAACP, Ministers Conference, Arkansas Ministers Alliance, and he serves on the Board of

Ministers for St. Jude Christian Spiritual Church where his brother, Reverend Montgomery, is pastor; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Razor epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Razor is most grateful for the love and encouragement he shares with his family; he is the proud father of three daughters and six sons, grandfather of 19 grandchildren, and great-grandfather of two children; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Reverend Henry Razor for his dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor Reverend Henry Razor, applaud his commitment to ensuring equality in government and politics, commend him for glorifying God through his ministry, and thank him for his service to the state of Tennessee. We extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.